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See English language abstracts for references BA-BE.

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Japanese Publication 02-071682, as cited in the Japanese Office Action, was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 30, 2002.

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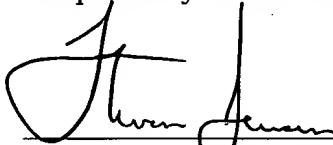
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	BB	07-030906	01/1995	Japan			See Abstract in English
	BC	04-081178	03/1992	Japan			See Abstract in English
	BD	61-227481	10/1986	Japan			See Abstract in English
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